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TO : Chief, ICAPS

DATE: 17 March 1947

FROM : Advisor for Management, ICAPS

SUBJECT: Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories

1. Tab "A" of the attached papers purports to be a project for the action of the Projects Review Committee involving the expenditure of [ ] for the exploitation of enemy document repositories.

2. Tab "B" indicates definitely that the basis for determining the cost of the project as specified in Tab "A" is of doubtful value, and that further investigation into the subject might considerably reduce the project, both in the United States and abroad.

3. Recommend that neither this nor any project be presented to the Projects Review Committee without more factual current data.



Colonel, AGP

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Memo dtd 14 Mar from Asst Dir O/O  
w/ attachments

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

Proposed Project for Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories

1. Please find enclosed project on exploitation of enemy document repositories prepared as requested. I should like to add a few comments on this project which I trust you will find neither malapropos nor ill-advised.

2. Allow me first to annotate categorically the Committee's Memorandum.

a. Washington Document Center.

It is stated that 70% of 125,000 document backlog contains material on political-social-psychological subjects. This is followed by what seems slightly incongruous, i.e. that half of these are economic. Has this given you the true impression that there is just 35% of this backlog dealing with the subjects in question?

In the recommended personnel, there is allotted ☐ Japanese translator. Was it ever considered that he could only abstract and catalogue approximately 7,800 documents in two years or less than ten percent.

I believe that insufficient clarification has been made as to whether they are concerned with political-social-psychological documents covering strategic areas only or for such documents on the entire world. For Documents Branch let me definitely clarify this point. For strategic areas Documents Branch has processed all documents received regardless of subject. The low-priority backlog deals with French Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies. Moreover this backlog will be processed in the next five months along with current material.

b. German Military Document Section

Information from GMDS reveals that the seven tons, stated in memorandum, is now down to about four tons. Haushofer's Library the largest source for information of this type is completely catalogued.

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c. Tempelhof.

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Information reveals that the [ ] now are disouting the Kulturabteilung files and would like to make them unavailable to [ ] This might be considered before further action is taken.

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d. Halstead

Informed source states that there are only technical documents at Halstead. Their two specialties - guided missiles and armament.

3. Realization of the four points mentioned above would seem to lead to the conclusion that:

a. A new complete and accurate survey should be made by qualified documents personnel.

b. An immediate effort should be made to clarify the Tempelhof situation and then effort expended in processing the Kulturabteilung files here if State is going to microfilm them.



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MEMORANDUM TO THE PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

THRU: Assistant Director for Operations

Proposed Project for Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories

1. Proposed exploitation would involve the employment of personnel by Central Intelligence Group to complete the extracting, cataloging and abstracting of all materials related to political-social-psychological warfare available in enemy document repositories in the United States and outside the continental limits of the United States.

2. This project has been drawn up in collaboration with [redacted] as directed.

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3. The Ad Hoc Committee appointed to consider the document situation has given the following estimates in its memorandum on the Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories.

a. That in the United States there would be the following volume of material to be processed: Seven tons in the German Military Document Section, fifteen thousand microfilm frames in the State Department, twenty five hundred documents in the Library of Congress and eighty seven thousand five hundred documents in the Washington Document Center.

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[redacted]

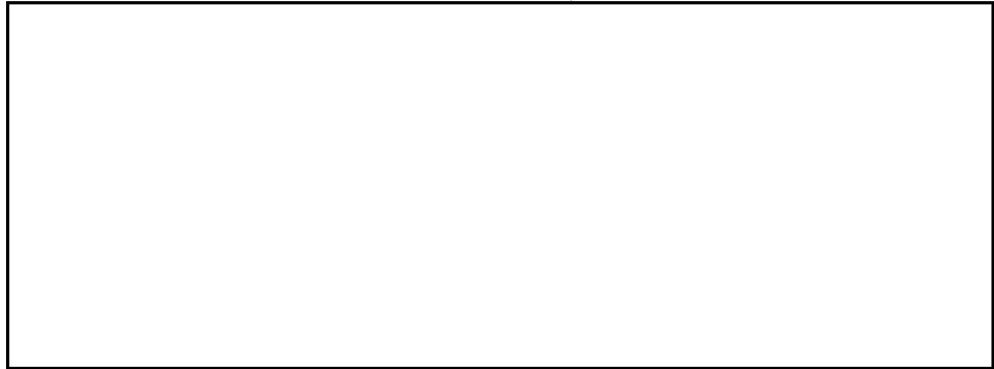
c. That [redacted] analysts should be employed and that a maximum of two years from date of activation should be allotted to complete this project.

4. Based on these estimates of the Ad Hoc Committee it is believed that the total cost of this project to be allotted from vouchered funds would be [redacted]

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[redacted] This can be broken down as follows:

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5. This project has been recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Intelligence Advisory Board to consider the document situation.



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